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FOI: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A

PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004 be extended for a period of one (1) month from August 24, 2004 to and including September 24, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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